

Hartford Primary School

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Dear Parents and Families

Facebook

I am once again concerned to find school business, including the specific naming of children, parents and staff, being discussed at length on Facebook. The advice Headteachers receive from our legal department is to report any instances of what could be construed as defamatory or slander to the appropriate officers; my advice to parents contributing to these threads is to think carefully before liking or commenting, as if you do not have the full and accurate details of something that took place in school it is difficult to offer an accurate opinion. Any threats made to school or any of the staff employed by school will also be taken extremely seriously. Thanks for your understanding.

Parking

We have been informed that there are a couple of parked cars that are left with their engines running whilst dropping off and picking up, some for upwards of 20 minutes. This means the roads around school are full of fumes, particularly whilst the children are waiting to go in the back gate. The PCSO has been informed and is going to monitor this with us as part of his visits to the roads around school.

Lost Property

We have too much lost property in school currently and storage is becoming a real issue. Each day this week (between 8.30am – 4.00pm) we will display all items for you to check (we have coats, shoes, hoodies, school jumpers, scarves, gloves, lunch boxes, water bottles etc) in the entrance hall. On Friday anything remaining will be sent to a local charity shop/uniform sales. We must stress that labelling your child's/children's items is very important as we can ensure these are sent back to their rightful owner. The following labelling (stickers) company come highly recommended from our parents/carers: www.mynametags.com

Year 2 Entrance and Exit from Monday 27th February

As previously explained the corridor that runs between the front and back of school is going to be utilised as a further learning area from Monday 27th February where small groups will be working with a member of school staff. All children will need to enter and exit the building at the start and end of the day from their external classroom door. Year 2 will have their cloakrooms re housed nearer their classroom and will enter with Year 1 (2SG with 1NC and 2RB with 1SM). A member of the Year 2 team will be on the door each morning.

Parents Appointments

The admin team will be contacting you with details of Parents Appointments on 22nd and 23rd March so you can choose an afternoon or an evening slot.

PTA Update

Early Years will be having their **cake sale** this Friday 10th February straight after school and the EY Celebration Assembly. We would welcome parent helpers to assist with the sale. As usual it will take place in the small hall and there will also be a second-hand uniform stall. EY parents, please send in homemade or shop bought cakes and treats with children in the morning, remembering that we are nut and kiwi fruit free school. Thank you!

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Bingo night tickets are still on sale; the deadline for returning entry ticket request slips along with payment is today (Thursday 9th February). The bingo night takes place next week, Thursday 16th February from 6.00pm to 8.00pm in school. Remember that 16th February will be a non-uniform day in exchange for wine/chocolate donations to be given as prizes at the bingo night.

We're still on the lookout for beauty therapists etc for the **Pamper Evening** on Friday 17th March. Please get in touch via hartfordprimarypta@gmail.com for more information or enquire at the school office.

The **minutes from last week's PTA meeting** are attached for your information. We are in desperate need of more parents to come forward and join the PTA as we are in danger of not being able to run it with only 5 people attending last week's meeting. The PTA gives valuable extra financial support for the children and school, through events like Film Nights, cake sales, Summer and Christmas Fairs, and provides additional resources which everyone benefits from. We have just provided funding towards the recent trip to the theatre and we have many requests for money towards a variety of projects that otherwise wouldn't take place. We need parents to come forward and offer their help to ensure that future events can be undertaken – could you spare a little time to help?

The next PTA meeting will take place on Wednesday 8th March in the morning after drop-off. There may be a crèche available subject to someone volunteering to run it. Please come along and help us to support your children!

Pupil Parliament

The children spoke about what they liked at school which included BUG club ("it helps me with my reading" Y5), playing with friends, Art, PE and Literacy. Another lovely comment was "the children are kind – it makes a happy place". The children were asked if they could do more of something at school what would it be. Science, Maths, ICT and Art were the favourites. Mrs. Cade and Mrs Bushell loved hearing about the children's special talents and skills too – it's wonderful to hear the children talking so proudly about themselves.

Mrs Speed 4NS

Friday 17th February will be Mrs Speed's last day in 4NS. We are really sad to see her leave but she will be moving on to a full time position at another local primary school and we wish her well. Thanks to Mrs Speed for all her commitment to 4NS.

Next Week

Next week I am attending the Cheshire West and Chester Association of Primary Headteacher's conference from Tuesday and Friday, Mrs Cade will be Acting Headteacher in my absence.

Readers of the Week

<u>EYJD</u> Alfie S and Alice S	<u>1SM</u> George W and Isla R	<u>2RB</u> Phoebe M and Dan M	<u>3AP</u> Zara B and Jack P	<u>4NS</u> Ellie G and Freya G	<u>5MH</u> Joseph R and Charlotte S	<u>6CL</u> Isaac T and Connie T
<u>EYKR</u> Charlotte M-L and Zara G	<u>1NC</u> Lucas E and Josh M	<u>2SG</u> Ruben E and Zephyr T	<u>3LM</u> Mia B and Emma C	<u>4HR</u> Imogen E and John S	<u>5SH</u> James S and Katie R	<u>6MW</u> Shelby-Lea J and Joshua B

Celebration Assembly and Golden Table

Finally, it's all about Early Years this Friday! The Early Years Celebration Assembly is at 2.45pm and they are also worthy winners of the Golden Table with 119 tokens.

Kind regards

Miss M Fairweather

Headteacher

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